

**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 66-76, presented hereby, are pending.

Claims 55-65 are canceled hereby, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claim 66 corresponds to claim 55 amended to include sequence identifiers, as required in the Notice to Comply attached to the Quayle action. In appropriate situations, this involves identifying (in claim 66) each contiguous fragment of a sequence (SEQ ID NO) found in the Sequence Listing as a "region of" the SEQ ID NO, in accordance with MPEP 2423.03 ("Presentation and Enumeration of Sequences"), which reads in pertinent part:

In the situation where a contiguous fragment of a sequence that has already been properly set forth in a "Sequence Listing" is discussed and/or claimed, the fragment does not need to be separately included in the "Sequence Listing." It may be referred to in the specification, claims or drawings as, e.g., "residues 2 through 33 of SEQ ID NO:12," assuming that SEQ ID NO:12 has been properly included in the "Sequence Listing."

Claim 55 is also amended (as claim 66) to correct apparent clerical errors, i.e., in order that the matching of each sequence and sequence identifier (SEQ ID NO:) reflects the matching found in the Sequence Listing and in order that the sequence identifiers (in the claim) are commensurate with those in the specification. This includes changing "Arg" to --Lys-- as the initial amino acid in each of SEQ ID NO: 17 and SEQ ID NO: 18, i.e., so that the claim reads as amended:

~~"Arg~~ Lys Gly Lys Leu Ile (SEQ ID NO: 17)" and

~~"Arg~~ Lys Gly Lys Leu Val (SEQ ID NO: 18)."

Present claims 67-76 correspond to claims 56-65, with claim dependencies changed to reflect the new claim numbers.

Claims 55-65 are found allowable, according to the Quayle action. Accordingly, present claims 66-76 are allowable, in that the present claims contain the allowable subject matter of claims 55-65.

In connection with Applicants repeatedly requesting that the Examiner provide initialed Forms PTO-1449, the Quayle action replies:

Applicant's request that the specified IDS be considered is noted. However, at the time of this Action, copies of said documents could not be located. Applicants are invited to provide copies of the desired documents.

Copies of each Form PTO-1449, as requested by the Examiner, were provided with Applicants' Second Repeated Request for Initialed Forms PTO-1449 filed December 29, 2003. As remarked, therein, the Examiner has, already, acknowledged on the record consideration of the references cited on the forms, i.e.:

The Information Disclosure Statements filed 08 December, 1998, and 05 October, 2000 have been placed in the Application file and the information referred to therein has been considered.


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Favorable action is requested.

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